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Box PATENT APPLICATION
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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL INSTRUMENT
Inventors: Richard MONTALVO, et al.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application -16 pages, including two (2) independent claims and twenty (20) claims total.
2. Drawings - 5 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-10).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to SCIMED LIFE SYSTEMS, INC.
5. Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) and accompanying petition fee of \$130.00.
6. Declaration in Support of Petition with four sheets of attachments.
7. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
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Independent Claims	2	-	3	0	x \$84	0
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8. A check for \$910.00 is enclosed. The fee includes:

\$740.00 filing fee;
Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) \$130.00 as additional fee; and
\$40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or §1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

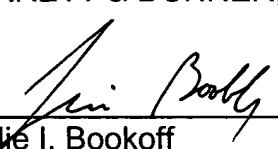
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